GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF SOLAR POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the solar power plants have been proposed to be set up by the oil marketing companies in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the estimated cost of the projects;and

(c) the time by which the said plants are likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (c) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), one of the public sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), has proposed to set up a I MW Solar power plant based on Photovoltaic technology at Lalru, Punjab at the cost of Rs.16.00 crores (approximately). The expected time to set up this Solar power plant is 12 months. Based on the success of this project, the corporation will consider setting up more such Solar power plants. The other two OMCs, i.e. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) are exploring the commercial viability of setting up Solar power plants.